

name, certain tracts of land upon which it constructed thereon buildings and storage yards in and upon which it housed and stored machinery and equipment belonging to the commission; and,

WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission, now the State Highway and Public Works Commission, has for years been required by law to assume responsibility for the construction and maintenance of the highways of the State; and,

WHEREAS, from the time the construction and maintenance of the public highways of the State have been taken over by the State Highway Commission, the Highway Commission of McDowell County has long since ceased to function, and has gone out of existence; and,

WHEREAS, the property referred to above is not now used nor is it needed for the purposes for which it was acquired: Now, therefore,
The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners of McDowell County is authorized to sell at public auction, after advertising for the period of time and in like manner as to places and publication in newspapers as now prescribed for sales of real property under mortgages, all the real property referred to above which was acquired in the name of the Highway Commission of McDowell County and now no longer used or needed for the purposes for which it was acquired. Such sale or sales shall be reported to the Clerk of the Superior Court of McDowell County and shall remain open for ten days for an increase bid, and if the bid is increased the property shall be readvertised in the manner as resales under mortgages, and if there is no increased bid within ten days, the Board of County Commissioners is authorized to execute a deed to the highest bidder, and the proceeds of the sale shall be paid into the General Fund of the County. Provided, if in the opinion of the board, the amount offered for the property is inadequate at any sale, the board is authorized to reject any and all bids and sell the property at private sale, provided the price offered is in excess of that offered at such public sale.

Sec. 2. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of April, 1955.

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CHAPTER 417

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE TOWN OF MARION TO ISSUE SEARCH WARRANTS AND CRIMINAL WARRANTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. The Chief of Police of the Town of Marion is authorized to issue process for the apprehension of persons charged with any offense committed within the jurisdictional limits of the Town of Marion. This